

**CLASS TITLE: ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR I  
(DEM)**

**Class Code: 02265200**

**Pay Grade: 26**

**E.O. Code: C**

**CLASS DEFINITION:**

**GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES:** Within the Department of Environmental Management, to be responsible for investigating and assisting in the investigation of violations of the criminal statutes relating to the protection of the environment, including but not limited to the Hazardous Waste Management Act, the Refuse Disposal Act, the Water Pollution statutes and any other rule, regulation and state statute relating to the environment subject to regulation and enforcement by the Department; to apprehend and assist in the prosecution of persons and/or companies in violation of such statutes; to assist in the preparation of cases for court presentation and to appear in court and give testimony; and to do related work as required.

**SUPERVISION RECEIVED:** Works under the close supervision of a superior with some latitude for the exercise of independent judgment; work is reviewed through regular and ongoing consultation and review of reports for conformance to law, policies, rules, regulations, and organizational goals and objectives.

**SUPERVISION EXERCISED:** None.

**ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED:**

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To direct departmental staff involved in investigations as authorized by a superior.

To apprehend and assist in the prosecution of persons and/or companies in violation of such statutes.

To conduct criminal background checks of individuals and/or companies applying for Hazardous Waste Licenses and/or permits.

To assist in the case preparation and/or compilation of evidence for board and/or administrative hearings and/or court presentation including but not limited to interviewing witnesses and taking their statements, and reviewing and obtaining records and other documents appropriate and necessary.

To utilize electronic equipment, computer software, automated databases and related technology and equipment in the performance of investigatory tasks such as case tracking, case reports, dissemination of information, research, etc.

To prepare and execute search and seizure warrants and arrest warrants as authorized by statute.

To appear in court and give testimony.

To make arrests as authorized by statute.

To assist and coordinate with state, local, and federal law enforcement authorities in the enforcement of state and federal laws, rules, and regulations involving alleged violations committed in such aforementioned areas, as required.

To prepare records and reports as directed.

To carry firearms as authorized.

To do related work as required.

## **REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT:**

**KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND CAPACITIES:** A working knowledge of the provisions of state and pertinent federal laws, rules, and regulations relative to the protection of the environment against illegal disposal, storage, transportation, and treatment of hazardous waste within the state and the ability to apply such knowledge in the enforcement of such laws, rules, and regulations to protect life and property; a working knowledge of the principles and practices of environmental protection as they relate to hazardous waste, solid waste, water pollution and other pertinent environmental laws, rules, and regulations; the ability to participate in and to conduct internal, administrative and criminal investigations; the ability to prepare cases for board and court presentation, and to appear before boards and in court and give testimony; the ability to cooperate with state, local, and federal law enforcement agencies; and to coordinate departmental operations with the activities of such law enforcement agencies; the ability to qualify with and carry firearms; the ability to deal with others in a tactful and courteous manner; the ability to comprehend and analyze data and other information; the ability to prepare oral and written reports; and related capacities and abilities.

## **EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:**

**Education:** Such as may have been gained through: graduation from a college of recognized standing with a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice, Law Enforcement, Environmental Sciences or a closely related discipline; and

**Experience:** Such as may have been gained through: extensive employment of at least three years in the position of a law enforcement officer with a public or federal law enforcement agency.

**Or,** any combination of education and experience that shall be substantially equivalent to the above education and experience.

## **SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:**

Conditions for appointment:

1. Must possess a Motor Vehicle Operator's License issued by the State of Rhode Island.
2. Must meet the State of Rhode Island qualification requirements to carry weapons used in the performance of duty and must maintain such qualification requirements as a condition of employment.
3. Must, at the time of application and thereafter, continually meet all the requirements that are necessary for entry into the Municipal Police Training Academy (i.e. hearing, vision, fitness, etc.).
4. Must be certified by the State of Rhode Island Commission on Standards and Training (Chapter 42-28.2 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, as amended) to be evidenced by graduation from the Municipal Police Training Academy. In accordance with RIGL 42-28.3-1, no person shall be appointed in any capacity until they shall have been evaluated and tested by a certified psychologist specified by the Director of the Department of Environmental management and receive a satisfactory rating.
5. Must, at the time of application and continually thereafter, be free from any and all felony convictions.

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